

# FEDERAL ANTHRACITE COAL AND RAILROADS

## Announcement Made After a White House Conference Between President Harding, Chairman Cummins of the Senate I. C. Committee and Attorney General Daugherty—Anthracite Operators and Miners Are to be Given One More Opportunity to Settle Their Differences—Railroads Are to be Given a "Reasonable" Time to Demonstrate Their Ability to Furnish Adequate Service—Failure in Either Case Will Entail Congressional Measures to Operate the Mines and Take Over Certain Railroads.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Federal operation of anthracite coal mines and some of the railroads was considered at a White House conference tonight between President Harding and Chairman Cummins of the senate interstate commerce committee and Attorney General Daugherty.

Senator Cummins said after the conference that the anthracite operators and miners would be given one more opportunity to settle their differences.

"If there isn't a settlement in a few days," he said, "I will introduce a bill authorizing the government to operate the mines."

Likewise, he said, the railroads would be given a "reasonable" time in which to demonstrate their ability to furnish adequate service and that those unable to do so would be taken over.

Senator Cummins expressed confidence that legislation for both purposes could be rushed through congress without delay. It was indicated that the conference of these steps would not operate to interfere with proposed legislation now pending and designed to curb profiteering in general.

The White House conference followed a survey of the whole situation at the regular cabinet meeting and the termination of the anthracite strike. At New York between railroad executives and union officials. It was stated that the conference would be resumed tomorrow.

Before tonight's conference the ground-work had been laid through administrative overtures for a further meeting between the parties to the anthracite dispute, to be held next week at some point in Pennsylvania. It was indicated that certain proposals would be made which it was hoped would bring about an adjustment of the difficulties which disrupted the sessions at Philadelphia earlier this week.

While no detailed explanation was given as to how the government would operate anthracite mines in the event of their seizure, it was indicated that the first step would be to fix a wage scale and then require or direct the miners to return to work. Coal mined it was stated, would be marketed through the regular commercial channels, the government taking steps to prevent possible profiteering.

The bituminous situation did not enter into the discussion, the conference agreeing that the anthracite strike was getting back to normal. The ability of the roads to move coal from the mines, in the view of officials, constitutes an important element in this connection. It was stated that the government would move a determining factor as to the necessity for federal operation of carriers.

Similar further developments in both the coal and rail situations are awaited, measures designed to minimize profiteering in both bituminous and anthracite will be pressed. In connection with opinion have developed between the executive and legislative branches as to

## FEAR SLAV COMBINATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE

Rome, Aug. 25.—(By the A. P.)—Fear of a powerful slave combination in central Europe, which would supersede the Austria of old as the hereditary enemy of Italy, is expressed in the Italian press today, in comment upon the disposition of the present Austrian government.

Many newspapers in cluding the Rome Messaggero urged the government to oppose any plan aiming to create a strong Slav hegemony in central Europe.

The plan which engages the most apprehension is one providing for the occupation of the Austrian provinces of Styria and Carinthia by Jugoslavians and the taking over of Upper Austria by Czech-Slovakia. The design in this would be to unite the two Slav nations of central Europe, Vienna, deprived of its status as a capital, would then be internationalized. The Austrian Tyrol, which would be practically all that would remain of the present Austria, would be united to Bavaria under this plan, but only on condition that it become independent of Germany.

The entire press campaign upon the subject at Vienna is a direct result of the activities with the Austrian chieftains, by Biepel. Many articles are trying to take advantage of the disastrous situation in Austria for their own ends and aggrandizement. In this connection, Jugoslavians and Czech-Slovakia are especially mentioned.

## SOLDIERS' BONUS BILL DISCUSSED IN SENATE

Washington, Aug. 25.—For two hours today the senate heard arguments for and against the soldiers' bonus bill. It took no action on any of the pending amendments. Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, in charge of the measure, made an effort to get an agreement for a vote before adjournment tomorrow, but although unsuccessful was hopeful that the bill could be passed early in the coming week.

Two additional amendments were offered today by Senator Smoot, of Utah, ranking republican on the finance committee. One proposes that the amended bonus measure, with its optional bonus plan, be financed by a manufacturers' sales tax at the rate of one-half of one per cent for the first three years and one-fourth of one per cent thereafter.

The other amendment was in the nature of a substitute for the pending bill with a paid up insurance plan in lieu of all other measures. With its optional bonus plan, it would be financed by a manufacturers' sales tax at the rate of one-fourth of one per cent. In each case the proposed tax would become effective November first and exemptions would be made in the case of all farm products and manufacturers doing a business of less than \$25,000 a year.

## SMALL PARTY OF FREE STATE TROOPS AMBUSHED

Belfast, Aug. 25.—(By the A. P.)—A small party of Free State troops was ambushed today at Glaseen, a village near Athlone, by thirty republicans. Free State Lieutenant McCormack was killed and the driver of his car badly wounded. A civilian wounded during the fighting succumbed later to his injuries.

## SENATOR PEPPER CONFERS WITH LEADER OF MINERS

Philadelphia, Aug. 25.—United States Senator George Wharton Pepper, who was elected to the role of principal representative of President Harding in connection with the president's efforts to bring about a peace between miners and operators in the hard coal fields, arrived in Philadelphia tonight at the same time as Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Gompers, the Glasnosty Construction company has elected officers as follows: President and treasurer, John J. Jacon; secretary, Louis Truett.

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## FEARS RAIL STRIKE WILL HURT THE COUNTY FAIRS

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# Fear Assassins are Big Fire in Business Lurking For Poincare District of Tampico

## An Agent of the German "Consul" Organization Has Been Arrested in Paris—Premier Guarded.

Paris, Aug. 25.—(By the A. P.)—The government source (service) it was learned today has been informed that a member of the notorious German organization "Consul" has arrived in Paris to kill Premier Poincare. The premier is now guarded more strictly than ever to prevent possible assassination.

The German is said to be known as Guenther in "Consul" circles but is traveling under a false name and with false papers. He is thirty years of age and dresses in the height of fashion. He has blue eyes, chestnut brown hair and speaks French like a native Frenchman. He is now supposed to be hiding in one of the fashionable suburbs of Paris awaiting the chance to execute his mission.

The French police are receiving hundreds of letters denouncing various suspicious characters known to other members of the "Consul" organization. The police have been entertained of attempts on the lives of prominent men. Most of the suspicions prove to be imaginative. The Guenther is said to be a native of the Free State.

Dublin, Aug. 25.—(By the A. P.)—Several of great sorrow were witnessed throughout today in the city hall as long lines of people passed the bier of Michael Collins, the Free State commander.

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In the past week the following matter has appeared in The Bulletin's news columns:

Bulletin	Telegraph	Local	General	Total
Saturday, August 19.....	138	158	375	671
Sunday, August 20.....	140	160	402	702
Monday, August 21.....	138	163	258	559
Tuesday, August 22.....	129	135	262	526
Wednesday, August 23.....	129	134	368	631
Thursday, August 24.....	101	112	326	539
Friday, August 25.....				
Totals.....	803	842	1991	3636

that person, however, is taken seriously and is being watched. Among those mentioned when Herr Ermerger, the German minister of finance was killed.

## GERMAN "CONSUL" AGENT

Paris, Aug. 25.—(By the A. P.)—An agent of the German "Consul" organization was arrested tonight by the government secret service in the belief he is the man sent here to assassinate Premier Poincare. The prisoner, named Guenther, who is suspected of responsibility for the assassination a year ago of Matthias Erzberger, the former German minister of finance, was taken to the police station and is being held in custody.

The agent was found in a western suburb of Paris. He is closely confined, while the police are continuing to search for evidence of possible accomplices.

## REPARATIONS COMMISSION TO MEET IN PARIS TODAY

Paris, Aug. 25.—(By the A. P.)—The reparations commission will hold a session tomorrow afternoon, immediately following the return to Paris of the representatives of the German government who have been in Berlin endeavoring to arrange with the German government for further guarantees for a moratorium to Germany.

## HAPPENINGS TO A JINNEY BUS NEAR WATERBURY

Waterbury, Aug. 25.—A seven-passenger touring car, used as a jinney bus, while traveling on the road between the two Hitchcock lakes last night, was overturned, the driver killed and about 30 passengers injured. The car, crashed through the fence, rolled down the bank, turned over, and landed in the water. The driver, a man named John J. Smith, was killed. The passengers, who were mostly children, were rescued and taken to the hospital. The car was a 1921 model and was being driven by a man named John J. Smith.

## AMERICANS DECORATED WITH LEGION OF HONOR

Paris, Aug. 25.—A number of Americans were decorated today with the insignia of the Legion of Honor for their services during the world war or their efforts in the post-war period. The decorations were presented by the French government to a number of Americans who had distinguished themselves in various ways. Among those decorated were several military officers and civilians who had worked for the betterment of the world.

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## ANGIER DUKE INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Southampton, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Angier Duke, son of James B. Duke, "Boss" Duke, was injured tonight when his automobile was involved in a collision with a truck. The Duke family is a prominent one in the community and the accident has caused much concern.

## OBITUARY

New York, Aug. 25.—Professor William A. Dunning, Lieber professor of history and political philosophy at Columbia University since 1904, died in his sleep tonight after a long illness. He was born in Plainfield, N. J., 64 years ago. He had been confined to his home since February 12, when he was taken ill with heart disease after delivering a lecture.

## BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Search is being prosecuted throughout Greater Boston for Albert Albridge, a negro, who escaped from Deer Island.

The Connecticut Editorial Association will have a dinner at Casey Beach, East Haven today at noon.

James Aldrich Price, president of the Connecticut Editorial Association, is at his country home in East Haven today.

## RAILROADS TAKE ASPECT OF A TEST OF ENDURANCE

Railway executives as a whole have rejected peace overtures Made by the Heads of the Big Five Railroad Brotherhoods—Negotiations Have Been Broken Off—Striking Shopmen Had Rejected the Proposal For Individual Settlements Without Guarantee of Seniority—Labor Leaders Have Dispatched Telegrams to All Parts of the Country Calling Upon the Strikers to Renew the Struggle With Redoubled Vigor.

New York, Aug. 25.—(By the A. P.)—The rail strike today developed into a fight to the finish, when peace negotiations were blown sky high.

Heads of the Big Five railroad brotherhoods, acting as mediators between executives and striking shopmen in a series of conferences, had rejected the proposal for individual settlements without guarantee of seniority—Labor leaders have dispatched telegrams to all parts of the country calling upon the strikers to renew the struggle with redoubled vigor.

rejection of this proposal with the explanation that it did not guarantee seniority to the men who might return on one-third of the country's roads and at the same time would destroy the effectiveness of the strike being carried on on the other two-thirds.

Then, from the mediating brotherhoods, came the statement that they reluctantly notified all concerned that they considered further peace efforts futile and had nothing more to suggest.

## CABINET DISCUSSED THE INDUSTRIAL SITUATION

Washington, Aug. 25.—(By the A. P.)—The industrial situation was discussed for an hour today by President Harding with his cabinet at their regular meeting just as the New York rail conference was terminating, but later it was stated that "no new steps were under consideration" and that the president had nothing definite to announce.

Indications were that nothing, at least of a drastic nature, would be done during the next few days, the impression prevailing that the administration would wait to see if the railroads, with their recruited shop force, would be able to maintain satisfactory service.

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